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SUBJECT: DWARF CHIMPANZEES

REF: KINSHASA 1095

FOR NEWLIN FROM DR. GEOFFREY BOURNE, DIRECTOR, YERKES  
REGIONAL PRIMATE CENTER, VIA ENGEL, NAS.

1. YERKES AGREEABLE IN PRINCIPLE TO PARAS 6 THROUGH 10  
QUOTED REFTEL SUBJECT TO NEEDED CLARIFICATION OF PARA 10  
DISCUSSED BELOW.

2. EARLIER YERKES-IRSAC AGREEMENT SPOKE OF TWO VETERINARY  
TECHNICIANS TO BE GIVEN TRAINING AT YERKES, WHICH WE  
ASSUMED WOULD BE DONE CONSECUTIVELY EACH TECHNICIAN  
SPENDING ABOUT FOUR TO FIVE MONTHS AT YERKES. THIS  
DURATION OPTIMAL FOR PERSON AT VET TECHNICIAN LEVEL. NEW  
TEXT SPEAKS OF ONE VETERINARIAN, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND TO BE  
DOCTOR OF VETERINARY MEDICINE. IF ASSUMPTION CORRECT,  
LONGER STAY AT YERKES OF SIXTO TEN MONTHS' DURATION  
WOULD BE PROFITABLE, BUT OUR RESOURCES WOULD SUFFICE FOR  
ONLY ONE PERSON.

3. RANGE OF STUDIES TO BE DONE ON ANIMALS WILL REQUIRE  
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THEIR PRESENCE AT YERKES FOR AT LEAST 18 MONTHS AND PREFERABLY TWO TO THREE YEARS TO MAXIMIZE OPPORTUNITY FOR ESTABLISHING BASELINE DATA; FOR INSTANCE, BLOOD CHEMISTRY AND HEMATOLOGY WOULD REQUIRE 6 MONTHS; HORMONAL ACTIVITY 12 MONTHS; MENTAL LEVEL AND REPRODUCTIVE BEHAVIOR, ONE TO TWO YEARS. YERKES CONFIDENT THAT SUFFICIENT DATA FOR PHASE TWO GO-AHEAD DECISION OBTAINABLE WITHIN A YEAR, BUT CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY TO PURSUE CERTAIN STUDIES LONGER, EXPECIALLY IN REPRODUCTIVE BEHAVIOR, TO OBTAIN INFORMATION FOR SUCCESSFUL MANAGEMENT OF EVENTUAL BREEDING COLONY.

4. YERKES ACCORDINGLY WISHES AGREEMENT TO REFLECT UNDERSTANDING THAT ANIMALS REMAIN FOR PERIOD SUBSTANTIALLY LONGER (TO BE DETERMINED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT IN LIGHT OF RESEARCH FINDINGS) THAN IS NEEDED TO PROVIDE TRAINING TO ZAIRIAN VETERINARY.

5. SUBJECT TO THE ABOVE YERKES AUTHORIZES GHESQUIERE OR DUNNETT TO SIGN AGREEMENT ON ITS BEHALF IF NECESSARY. IN VIEW OF GHESQUIERE'S OFFICIAL CONNECTION WITH IRSAC, SIGNATURE BY DUNNETT ON BEHALF OF YERKES SEEMINGLY MORE APPROPRIATE. INGERSOLL

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